

## 2020 LINCOLN ESSAY COMPETITION JUDGES

**Molly Cadwell**, Administrative Assistant at President Lincoln's Cottage in Washington, DC, has her Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from Franklin & Marshall College and recently completed her Master of Arts in Museum Studies at George Washington University. Prior to joining President Lincoln's Cottage, she worked and volunteered in the field of interpretation and education at several historical sites and museums including Vicksburg National Military Park, the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum, and Dumbarton House. She was honored to judge this year's essay competition on behalf of Erin Carlson Mast, the CEO and Executive Director of President Lincoln's Cottage, who has had the pleasure of serving as a judge for the essay competition for several years.

**Hal Colston** After teaching at New England Culinary Institute (1989), Hal created the Good News Garage (GNG) (1996) and NeighborKeepers (2006) as a social entrepreneur. He received an honorary Doctor of Humanities Degree from Saint Michael's College (2000) for creating GNG and was appointed by Governor Shumlin in 2011 as Executive Director of SerVermont. He was selected as the Burlington Free Press Vermonter of the Year in 2014. Hal served as Director of Partnership for Change from 2013 to 2018. He is now a city councilor and state representative for the City of Winooski.

**Carol Cone** was Middle School Head at Dalton School, an independent school in New York City, where she also taught English, Math and Social Studies. She was instrumental in the establishment of the Mountain School at Winhall and served on Hildene's Board of Trustees for many years, including as its Chair. She is an avid historian and has served as President of the Board of the Dorset Historical Society. She writes poetry in her spare time and is represented in several poetry anthologies, including *Border Lines* (June 2015) and *Birchsong I & II* (2012, 2018), and *Healing the Divide* (2019). She also takes an active part in poetry events in Manchester and Dorset, Vermont.

**Jovan Ellis** is the Curriculum and Program Specialist for the Free Library of Philadelphia's Literacy Enrichment Afterschool Program (LEAP). Working with neighborhood libraries, Jovan creates free literacy activities and STEAM programs for children and teens. A former college admissions counselor and educational game designer, Jovan's interests span interactive media, higher education, intercultural competency, social impact, and more. Jovan lived in Vermont for nine years and is an alumnus of Champlain College.

**Lorraine Farmer**, a long-time volunteer at Hildene, taught mainly American history and English for over 25 years. She and her husband, Jerry, now split their time between Vermont and Florida. Lorraine serves on the board of the Winhall Library and volunteers at Grace Cottage Hospital in Townshend, Vermont as a "Grace Greeter" and for Habitat for Humanity (in both Vermont and Florida).

**Ruth Finn** is a Commissioner on the Vermont Commission on Women and a volunteer in the Vermont Historical Society Library. She is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and very interested in history. She is a retired Town Clerk-Treasurer for the Town of Barre. She lives in Barre Town.

**Kenneth Moriarty** is chairman of Hildene's Board of Trustees. His deep interest in Abraham Lincoln, Robert Lincoln, and the Lincoln family springs from his wide readings in the politics, people, and culture of antebellum America and the Civil War. He spent his professional life in the automotive industry, and now lives with his wife, Jane, in Shaftsbury, Vermont.

**Candace Page** was a reporter, editorial writer and editor at Burlington Free Press for more than 30 years and is an inductee in the New England Newspaper Hall of Fame. Candy is a consulting editor at Seven Days, Vermont's alternative news and arts weekly. She has been a member of the Hildene board since 2012.

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**Curtiss Reed** serves as executive director of Vermont Partnership for Fairness and Diversity, a relationship-oriented training and consulting service with the social mission of making Vermont a desirable destination for all, particularly outdoor enthusiasts, tourists, conventioners, college students, and entrepreneurs of color. For the past seventeen years his practice of applied social justice has built relationships of trust that have produced substantive changes in Vermont law enforcement, education, commerce, and human services delivery, as well as state and municipal government use of inclusive and equitable practices in Vermont's increasingly diverse cultural landscape.

**Daniel Smith**, an attorney, has served as a member of the Vermont Legislative Council and as the founding Executive Director of the Northeast Dairy Compact Commission. He continues to practice law in the field of federal and state dairy pricing policy. When writing his College Senior thesis, Dan read every word of Basler's Collected Works. Dan and his wife, Flor Diaz Smith, live in East Montpelier, with their two children. Their son is named Lincoln.

**Julio Thompson** is an Assistant Attorney General in the Office of the Vermont Attorney General. As the Director of the Civil Rights Unit, Julio is lead counsel in the office's enforcement of state civil rights laws, including hate crimes and discrimination statutes. He also represents Vermont in constitutional and civil matters before federal courts. Other duties include teaching the hate crimes course at the Vermont Police Academy, drafting or reviewing proposed legislation, and coordinating joint state / federal civil rights investigations. Julio lives in Montpelier with his author wife, Linda Urban, and their two children.

**Blair Wyatt Berry** was Director of the Delaware Museum of Natural History and had a career in development at various cultural non-profits. She has been a volunteer at Hildene and she and her husband, Dennis, reside on Lake St. Catherine in Wells, VT, in Chadds Ford, PA and on Sanibel Island, FL. Blair also volunteers at the Edison Ford Winter Estate (Ft. Myers, FL), the Barrier Island Guild for the Arts and both volunteers and is on the board of the Sanibel Historical Museum and Village.

**Robert Wycoff** is the retired President of Atlantic Richfield Company. He served many years on the Board of Trustees at the Huntington Library, Art Collections, and Botanical Gardens in San Marino, California and is its past Chairman. He also served as president of the Lincoln Club of Los Angeles for many years. An avid reader of American history, he resides with his wife, Deborah, in Pasadena.

**Daniel Cantor Yalowitz**, Ed.D., is a doctorally-trained intercultural and developmental psychologist. He has served a number of public and private undergraduate and graduate institutions across the United States and abroad as a senior faculty member in the Social Sciences, and also held administrative positions including program chair, associate dean, dean, vice provost and CAO. Most recently, Daniel served as the Dean and Vice Provost at the School for International Training Graduate Institute in Brattleboro, Vermont and Washington, DC. He is now facilitating trainings and consultancies across the globe in intercultural communication, conflict transformation, emotional, social, and multiple intelligences, the MBTI ©, and community building through play. His second book, entitled *Water Walks, Water Talks: On the Nature of Friendship*, is due out in September of 2020. Daniel is a world traveler, community activist, fervent gardener, and an avid photographer.